

Bilaspur and Kangra districts of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether the credit deposit ratio of nationalised banks in the above districts is below the national credit deposit ratio; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (c) The aggregate deposits, and the Credit Deposit (C:D) Ratio of all scheduled commercial banks in the following 4 districts of Himachal Pradesh as on the last Friday of March, 1990 (latest available data) are as under:—

	<i>(Rs. in crores)</i>	
	<i>Deposits</i>	<i>C:D Ratio(%)</i>
1. Hamirpur	106.54	16.1
2. Una	97.40	46.4
3. Bilaspur	39.85	28.9
4. Kangra	295.83	21.3

The C:D ratio for Himachal Pradesh on that date was 38.6% while the All India figure was 65.8%. However, the C:D ratio in an area is not an accurate indicator of the adequacy or otherwise of credit deployed in that area. The same is influenced by the level of economic activity, the extent of deposit mobilisation and the availability of suitable investment opportunities.

[*Translation*]

Poor Reception of Doordarshan Programmes in Districts of Hamirpur and Kangra

1604. PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from people of districts Hamirpur and Kangra in Himachal Pradesh regarding poor reception of Doordarshan Programmes;

(b) whether there is a demand for setting up of a LPTs at Ashapuri of Kangra and another one in Sujampur Tihra of Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is the endeavour of Doordarshan to extend TV service especially to hilly areas as expeditiously as possible but this objective can be achieved only in a phased manner depending upon availability of fund.

Foreign Tourist Visit

1605. PROF. PREM KUMAR DHUMAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited India this year upto 31 May, 1990;

(b) the extent of increase or decrease in their number in comparison to figures of foreign tourists visiting India during the corresponding period last year; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) The number of foreign tourists who visited India during January-May, 1990 were 5,53,334, excluding the nationals of Pakistan and Bangladesh. The arrivals during the above period registered an increase of about 6.4% over the corresponding period of the previous year due to promotional efforts in the overseas markets.